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SUBJECT: USG PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN SEPTEL YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT A TEAM IS NOW ESTABLISHED AND WORKING ON THE PROPERTY PROBLEM ON A PRIORITY BASIS. FOLLOWING STANGE VISIT AND POSSIBLE CONCURRENT VISIT BY ARCHITECT - ENGINEER, THE TEAM MEMBERS DESIRE TO TRAVEL TO BUDAPEST AT AN EARLY DATE, TO EVALUATE THE PROBLEM AT FIRST HAND, FINALIZE THE NEGOTIATING SCENARIO AND ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOH AIMED AT SETTLING THE OVERALL PROBLEM DEFINITELY.

2. DURING JUNE 21 LUNCH AMBASSADOR KAISER INFORMED AMBASSADOR ESZTERGALYOS THAT A SPECIAL TEAM HAS BEEN
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ESTABLISHED AND THAT IT WISHES TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS IN BUDAPEST IN MID JULY. KAISER SAID PERSONALLY THAT HE WISHED TO CLEAR AWAY THESE "ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS" SO HE COULD FOCUS HIS ATTENTION ON THE MAIN ISSUES. ESZTERGALYOS RECOMMENDED THAT CHARGE MUDD APPROACH MFA TO CONFIRM TIMING IS AGREEABLE AND THAT KEY GOH FIGURES WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND NOT ON SUMMER HOLIDAYS. ESZTERGALYOS

ADDED THAT HE WOULD INFORM BUDAPEST OF KAISER'S PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY ISSUE.

3. CHARGE IS REQUESTED TO INFORM MFA AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT WE ARE FULLY PREPARED TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS IN BUDAPEST ON THE PROPERTY ISSUE AND PROPOSE THAT THE GOH RECEIVE OUR NEGOTIATING TEAM ON JULY 14. CHARGE SHOULD ADD THAT THE TEAM IS A SELF-CONTAINED NEGOTIATING UNIT WITH AUTHORITY TO SETTLE THE PROBLEM AND THAT IT IS PREPARED TO WORK FULL TIME FOR AS LONG AS IS NECESSARY TO THIS END.

4. IF THIS TIMING ACCEPTABLE TO GOH, TEAM OF 5 INDIVIDUALS WOULD ARRIVE JULY 11 IN ORDER TO INSPECT PROBLEM ON THE GROUND AND DISCUSS WITH EMBASSY BEFORE NEGOTIATIONS OPEN. ASSUME CHARGE WOULD FORMALLY OPEN NEGOTIATION ON US SIDE AND ADMIN OFFICER WOULD BE MEMBER. TEAM IS PREPARED CURRENTLY TO REMAIN UNTIL AT LEAST JULY 24. PLEASE RESERVE 5 SINGLE ROOMS AT HILTON FOR THIS EVENTUALITY. TEAM REQUESTS COST OF HOTELS TO BE COVERED BY POST, AND TRAVEL ORDERS WOULD THEREBY AUTHORIZE HALF PERDIEM ONLY. CHRISTOPHER

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